in Bhutan which are being used by ULFA and Bodo militants for safe havens, sanctuary and training purposes.

(c) The matter has been taken up with the King of Bhutan. The King has assured that Bhutan will not allow its territory to be used for activities prejudicial to the interests of India.

BanonPWG

4753. DR. Y.LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken a decision to impose ban on the People's War Group (PWG); and

(b) if so, the action taken to co-ordinate and launch inlcr-Slale operations against the extremists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The matter is under examination.

(b) A co-ordinated action Group has recently been formed under the director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, for co-ordinating anti-naxalite operations among the affected States.

Ban on Lottery

4754. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to issue a total ban on the State-run-lotteries;

(b) if so, by what time;

(c) the details of the numbers of lotteries run by different State Governments, State-wise;

(d) the details of the agents working on behalf of the State Governments, State-wise, with the date of their appointment; and

(e) the details of the amount of tickets sold, State-wise alongwith the details of sole agencies concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999, which

seeks to prohibit the organisation, conduct and promotion of lotteries falling under entry 40 of List I-Union List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, has already been introduced in the Rajya Sabha.

(c) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mental disorder among Police Personnel

4755. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during an internal examination conducted by the Delhi Police, quite a large number of police personnel were found suffering from mental disorder/disturbance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons attributed for mental disturbance of these police personnel and the implications involved in so far as performance of their duty is concerned; and

(d) what remedial measures have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) A sample study based on self reports conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) to identify the magnitude of minor mental health problems amongst police personnel in cities of Bangalore, Hubli-Dharwad and Delhi revealed that a sizeable number of police personnel who responded to the general Health Questionnaire suffered from such disorders as depression and anxiety. The study concluded that such disorders resulted, *inter alia,* because of high work load, conflictual orders from senior officers and their behaviour, lack of family support and adequate facilities.

(d) The measures taken to ease stress situations amongst the Delhi Police personnel include restricting the duty hours to less than 12 hours a day to the extent possible; introduction of basic training course and merit level course to improve behavioural pattern; improvement of facilities by grant of ration money allowance and introduction of Assured Career Progression Scheme; and improvement in the facilities in barracks.